

Policy Note:

In regard to cases with a NC code in the CS COOP Code field on ABP1, the following actions must be taken to allow authorization of TANF benefits and/or FMA for the parent or specified caretaker relative.

FMA:

If an ongoing case has an NC code in the CS COOP Code field on ABP1, the parent or specified caretaker relative is disqualified from Medicaid. Benefits may continue for the children, provided all other eligibility criteria are met.

If the parent or specified caretaker relative later requests Medicaid for themselves and agrees to cooperate, the OPA worker must verify if the CSED case has been closed. (SEARCHS CAS Screen) If the CSED case has been closed, the OPA worker will need to contact CSED to have the non-cooperation lifted and information sent to TEAMS to change the NC code to CO. The OPA worker will also require new HCS/CS 332's to be completed, prior to the authorization of Medicaid for the parent or specified caretaker relative. There is no need to resolve the previous non-compliance if the CSED case has been closed.

If the CSED case has not been closed, the parent or specified caretaker relative must cooperate with CSED. The OPA worker will refer the parent or specified caretaker relative to CSED to resolve the previous non-compliance. Once the parent or specified caretaker relative has resolved the previous non-compliance with CSED, the non-cooperation will be lifted and information sent to TEAMS to change the NC code to CO. At that time, the parent or specified caretaker relative can be added to Medicaid effective the month of compliance. No new HCS/CS 332's are needed in this situation.

TANF:

If an ongoing TANF case has an NC code in the CS COOP Code field on ABP1, the TANF case is closed.

If the TANF case remains closed for less than 6 months and the family reapplies for TANF, the OPA worker will refer the parent or specified caretaker relative to CSED to resolve the previous non-compliance with CSED. If the parent or specified caretaker relative has cooperated with CSED within 45 days of application, the non-cooperation will be lifted and information sent to TEAMS to change the NC code to CO. At that time, the family could be eligible for TANF. If the parent or specified caretaker relative has not cooperated with CSED within 45 days of application, the application is denied.

If the TANF case remains closed for more than 6 months and the family reapplies for TANF after the end of the sixth month, the OPA worker will need to contact CSED to have the non-cooperation lifted and information sent to TEAMS to change the NC code to CO. There is no need to resolve the previous non-compliance if the TANF case has been closed for more than 6 months.

In both these instances, new HCS/CS-332's are required for TANF as there is a new application.

NOTE: Reopening TANF is not dependent on CSED case being open or closed.

IMPORTANT: Anytime an OPA worker contacts CSED and asks for the NC code to be removed, a case note must be entered for either program. The title of the case note should be "Request NC Code Removal."